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**PATENT**  
Attorney's Docket No. 42390P11869**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s) : Curtis E. Jutzi et al.

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Serial No. : 09/895,057

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For : An Apparatus and Method for Enabling Secure Content Decryption Within a Set-Top Box

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please enter this Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being submitted concurrently herewith in lieu of an Appeal Brief. A request for a one month extension of time is being filed concurrently herewith.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 3 of this paper. Support for the amendments can be found in the specification at least on page 11, paragraph 0042.

Remarks begin on page 17 of this paper.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required beyond those that may otherwise be

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provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0221.